- Plus US$ 885,294,300 (US Dollar eight hundred and eighty five million two hundred and ninety four thousand three hundred only). Considering the then prevailing Dollar Rupee Exchange rate of Rs. 44.6 per Dollar, this component works out to be Rs. 3951.95 Crores.
- Plus Euro 652,261,500 (Euro six hundred fifty two million two hundred and sixty one thousand five hundred only). Considering the then prevailing Euro Rupee Exchange rate of Rs. 52.12 per Euro, this component works out to be Rs. 3399.58 Crores.
- The total price quoted by BHEL in Rupees considering the then prevailing exchange rate is Rs. 16011.53 Crores.

The above prices were further subject to adjustment without any ceiling on account of variation in material and labour indices.

NTPC power plant in Jhajjar

139. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan of NTPC to establish power plant at Jhajjar in Haryana, for supplying power to Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of this proposal; and

(d) by when this power plant is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Aravali Power Company Private Limited, a Joint Venture company of NTPC Ltd., Indraprastha Power Generation Company Limited (IGPCL) and Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (HPGCL) is setting up Indira Gandhi Super Thermal Power Project in district Jhajjar, Haryana. NTPC will have 50% equity and IPGCL and HPGCL 25% equity each in the Joint Venture Company.

The details of the power plant being established are as under:

i. Name of the Plant	Indira Gandhi Super Thermal Power Project
ii. Location	Village-Jharli, Distt. Jhajjar, Haryana
iii. Capacity	1500 MW
iv. Units	03 (three) Units of 500 MW each
v. Beneficiaries	50% power (750 MW) each to the States of Delhi and Haryana

(c) The present status of this project is as under:

- All required linkages/clearances including environmental clearance from MOEF have been obtained. Investment approval accorded by JV Board.
- Most of the land required for the project has been acquired.
- The site levelling, infrastructure development and main plant civil works have commenced.
- Award for Main Plant packages have been placed on BHEL in July 2007.

(d) Various units of the project are scheduled to be commissioned in 2010-11.

Supply of power to West Bengal

140. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of POWER.be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the west Bengal Government to supply power to the State from Tala Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) On the basis of request received from the Eastern Region, power from Tala Hydroelectric Project (1020 MW) in Bhutan has been allocated to the States of Eastern Region, including West Bengal, to improve their hydro thermal mix and these States surrender equivalent thermal power (in lieu of allocation of Tala power) to the states of Northern Region. On this basis 45% of the power from Tala Hydroelectric Project (excluding 15% unallocated quota) has already been allocated to West Bengal.

Power shortage in Andhra Praaesn

141. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) t*hs* details of steps proposed to be taken by Government to meet the present demand of power in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) During the period April-October, 2007, the energy shortage and the peaking shortage in Andhra Pradesh was 3.7% and 10.9% respectively and the detailed position in this regard is given below:

Energy Shortage (MU)				Peak Shortage (MW)			
Requirement	Availability	Shortage	Shortage (%)	Demand Met		Shortage	Shortage (%)
36327	34999	1328	3.7	9701	8641	1060	10.9

MOMillion Units MW=Mega Watt

(c) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State/UT is within the purview of the state government/state power utility concerned. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the state government by establishing power plants in Central sector through CPSUs.

At present, the state of Andhra Pradesh has, besides 2593MW firm allocation from the ural Generating Stations (CGSs) of the Sourthern Region (including 1000 MW from the Simhadri STPS which is dedicated to the state), 328-418 MW allocation (in different time slots of the day) from the unallocated power of CGSs of the region, which is highest among the regional constituents.